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**LETTER MERGING FILES**

This is a response to the telephone inquiry regarding the abandonment of application No. 09/369,233.

A Notice to File Missing Parts was mailed on August 31, 1999 in application no. 09/369,233. Since no response was filed, a notice of abandonment was mailed August 31, 2000.

Upon careful review of the application files identified above it has become apparent that application no. 09/369,502 originally filed August 5, 1999 was filed with duplicate copies. The copies became separated and therein were accorded an application no. and the same filing date.

Based on the foregoing, the abandonment of application no. 09/369,233 is hereby vacated, sua sponte, and the papers present in the file of application No. 09/369,233 will be merged into the file of application No. 09/369,502.

The applications are being forwarded to the Application Processing Division for merging the file of application No. 09/369,233 into the file of application No. 09/369,502. Application No. 09/369,233 will no longer be an active application number. All future correspondence concerning this application should be directed to application No. 09/369,502.

Application No. 09/369,502 will then be returned to Examining Group 2800 for examination in due course.

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